

# The Dead Horse

March 2012

# DISPATCH



A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park

**If You Build It, They Will Come!**

## Mountain Bike Confidence Course

**Rooster Roundup  
DHRSP Style!**



About 15 volunteers, led by Ranger Randy & local firefighter, Lars Romig, met at the Raptor Trailhead to construct the bulk of the new Bicycle Confidence Course just above Cooper's Hawk & Blackhawk Campground Loops. The course includes log crossings, a log "skinny", a mock cattleguard, two rock gardens, three big hills, log "steps" and a "chicane" (a series of banked turns designed to improve turning ability). So far, the course has attracted a few local mountain bikers - fathers & sons. However, the primary purpose was to provide a training area for the upcoming Mountain Bike Basics rides/classes in March.

*submitted by Ranger Randy Victory*



*Rangers Justin Swiger and Margie Sanchez assist Patricia Enockson with the hunt, capture, and removal of the unwanted Rooster in Quail Loop.*

"The poor rooster is a stray from, who knows where?" states Carl Hartman (who took the picture of the capture). "He didn't belong in Quail Loop, bugging the campers." However, the campers wondered, "Just how many Rangers and Volunteers does it take to bring down a Renegade Rooster? Please also note: both Carl and Patricia are Quail Loop Hosts!!!"



## Freezing Cleanup

*Our Lagoons are always clean, because, Carol Johnson & her Mom are there every morning to police the area.*



## Our Brave Firefighters!



*George Christianson, Justin Swiger, Max Castillo, Eric Buzonas, Tony Viotti & Bill Turner*



## Comments on the Newsletter Article:

Carolyn,

I have had the pleasure of traveling the highway between Baniff and Jasper, Alberta, Canada on several occasions. The Canadian Highway Department has, indeed, built several overpasses for the wildlife to cross this highway. The overpasses are tree lined, match the surrounding vegetation to resemble a natural pass, and hides any animal, including elk, passing over the highway. The picture in the February Newsletter is not one of the wildlife overpass built by the Highway Department. It is a rail road overpass. The animals in the picture found a safe way to cross the highway by using a railroad pass. Hopefully they will find the overpass constructed just for them or perhaps this picture was taken before construction was finished on their pass.



*Here is a picture of one of the completed wildlife bridges just outside Baniff, Alberta, Canada. When I was there two years ago they were putting the finishing touches on this bridge. They were planting trees and vegetation on the overpass to resemble a natural corridor for the wildlife. Fences*

*on both sides channel wildlife over the pass to ensure they cross at this spot.*

*Picture and article submitted by Ed Lyon*

## Who Are The Ditch Boys ?

Dave Penny driving and passenger, Charles (Chuck) Castle, are being asked by Jim Harris, "What are you guys up to now?"

Please note the photographer in the side window reflection is:

Carl Hartman,

*submitter of the picture and dialog*



**Our Brave  
Firefighters!  
continued**



## Volunteer News March Comings & Goings of DHRSP

### Comings:

None!

### Goings:

April 1st - Jim Harris & Maryan Pharo

## March Dates to Remember

NOTE: Volunteer Meeting Dates will be posted in the office, on the Volunteer Schedule, at the park from now on!

The lagoons are stocked every two weeks  
3-17 HAPPY ST PATTY'S DAY!!!



3-24 & 31 Mountain Bike Basics, 2nd season 2012

3-25 Nature Walks will start at 9am, for 1-2 hours  
Coming at you...

4-29 Verde Valley Bird & Nature Festival

## March MileStones

2-Robert Nelson

3-Judi Mangels

4-Jim Monahan

6-Peter & Nancy Hardy (1976)

9-Larry & Fran Nile (1980)

9-Billie Castle

10-George & Ruby Stolze

11-Betty Hall

12-Bill Fritz

12-Bill & Maxine Bean (1983)

15-Carolyn Abbott

18-Norm Hephner

18-Bruce & Susan Williamson (1967)

19-William Turner

21-Keven Ward

23-Dan & Margo Albright (1974)

24-Sandra Kendall

25-Roy Farmer

26-Wayne & Helen Kemp (1962)

26-Harold & Ann Flavell (1955)